



INDIANAPOLIS AAUW
Indianapolis Branch - 100 Years
Year's Theme: "Expanding Horizons"

MARCH-APRIL NEWSLETTER

Thursday, March 20, 11:00 a.m., COLLABORATIVE MEETING

Indianapolis AAUW, League of Women Voters, Church Women United
North United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3808 N. Meridian St.

Bring your own table service and salad or bread to share.

Judi Deng, Registration table; Jan Swartz, Greeter; Lora Vann, Grace.

Introduce Indianapolis Branch, Penny Kyker.

Table Decorations, NUM Church Beverages, League of Women Voters

11-11:30 am, Registration

11:30, Pitch-in Luncheon

Introduction of Speaker, Karen Kay Leonard, LWV.

Noon, Speaker: Ron Gifford, Indy Partnership, Regional Economic Development

Your suggestions are needed -- to submit to the AAUW Indiana State Convention!

Please send to Penny Kyker, pkkyker2002@yahoo.com before Mar 20 deadline to State:

2013-2014 "Ingenious Ideas," an Indy branch unique program; "Emerging Leader," a new, young member of the Indy Branch who is active, or "Long-time Leader," a long-time Indy Branch member who has shown leadership.

\$441 was raised for STEM scholarships and Branch expenses in the Mike's

Car Wash fund-raiser! Thanks to Donna Casebourn, Chair, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Finance Officer, and to all who purchased car wash tickets!

Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m., AAUW-IN STATE CONVENTION

"CELEBRATING CONNECTIONS"

Connor Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers

Jesse Kharbanda, Ex. Dir., Hoosier Environmental Council,
speaker, "Connecting with the Environment"

Catherine Cleary, Indianapolis Branch student member,
speaker, "Connecting with the Future"

Registration, \$40 by April 5; \$45 by April 12. See *Indiana Bulletin*, Feb. 2014.
See complete *Indiana Bulletin* online with convention schedule and link to the registration form – print it and save your print *Bulletin*, thanks to Marsha Miller:

<http://web.indstate.edu/aauw-in/Bulletin80-2-Feb2014.pdf>

<http://web.indstate.edu/aauw-in/home.html>

Note in *Indiana Bulletin*: photo of Sharon Langlotz, AAUW-IN President and Indianapolis Branch member, with AAUW Fellowship recipient, Dr. Manling Luo, Associate Professor at

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2013-2014 Board

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Penny Kyker

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Julia Price

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Action Priority Enablers

Cynthia Munerol

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Donna Casebourn

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Special Assignments

Penny Kyker, Dorothy Alexander,
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Barb Wellnitz

Communications

Lois Gumpfer, Dorothy

Alexander, Penny Kyker

Member Handbook/Roster

Donna Casebourn

Parliamentarian

*** Historian

*** Hospitality

Interest Group Leaders

Jan Pfeil Doyle Daytime Book

Jean Petranoff Lunch Res.

Michele Chosney Evening Book

Patricia Wood Creative Writing

Jan Swartz Ethnic Dining

Liaisons

Coy Halpern

Julian Center

Lois Gumpfer

Girls' STEM, Sycamore School

Michele Chosney

Indianapolis Council of Women

Penny Kyker, Jan Pfeil Doyle

HAPA

Tech Savvy STEM:

Cindy Felsten, Chair

*Collaboration between
Indianapolis Branch and
Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ.
Columbus*

Branch Consultant:

Janet Brewer

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Indiana University, Bloomington, and speaker at the Indianapolis Branch, Dec. 14.

**FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Contact Susan Belton, Membership VP, sjbelton@yahoo.com, 317-490-6483
See AAUW information online at aauw.org and indstate.edu/aauw-in**

Advance Notice: Indianapolis Branch, Saturday, May 3, All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th St.

10 a.m., Board. 11 a.m., Speaker from Second Helpings. Noon, Pitch-in lunch.

12:30 p.m., Branch Business, Elections, Installation of Officers. **Slate of nominees:**

Co-Presidents, Sherry Watkins/Penny Kyker; Membership VP, Lora Vann; Secretary, Donna Casebourn.

Nominating Committee: Chris Greene, Chair, Donna Casebourn, Toni Morris, Julia Price.

May Newsletter will include instructions for Membership Payment Program online renewal, and also include membership renewal form to use if you prefer. Deadline for news, Apr. 16.

See AAUW Outlook, Winter 2014, A Step Closer to Equality, Advancing LGBT Rights

Let's All Go and Honor Our Own and Others! CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

Say "Yes" to Equal Pay, NOW honors women who fought for economic equality:

Rep. Linda Lawson

Nancy Guyott, ISTA

Cindy Felsten, Business and Professional Women (and member, Indianapolis Branch AAUW)

Mitzi Witchger, American Association of University Women (Indianapolis Branch AAUW)

Wed., Apr. 9, 5:30-7 pm, IndyFringe Theatre, 719 E. St. Clain, Indianapolis

Seating is limited, register now with Robin Olds: robinolds@comcast.net

Suggested contribution: \$7 and up.

Notify Barb Wellnitz if you are going, barb@bwellnitz.com -- let's car-pool.

10th Annual Torchbearer Awards 2014 includes Rep. Terri Austin, Indiana Legislature (D).

The Indiana Commission for Women held the annual Torchbearer awards Wednesday, March 5.

See Inside Indiana Business for list of all 14 awardees, insideindianabusiness.com.

Ms. Austin is an AAUW member from Anderson, and she includes her AAUW membership listing in her biography. Coy Halpern remembers that Ms. Austin was an Indianapolis Branch AAUW speaker just after she ran in her first race for the Indiana Legislature, and lost by just a few votes! Ms. Austin persisted, and won, and has served for six years. Previous AAUW Torchbearer awardees are Mitzi Witchger and Phyllis Thompson, who attended this year's ceremony, along with Coy. Congratulations to these outstanding women!

Rep. Austin, District 36, has issued a message, "Steps taken to address Indiana's infant Mortality Ranking," regarding SB 408, to fund solutions to decrease the high number of child fatalities in our state. This bill is supported by HAPA, Health Access and Privacy Alliance, of which Indianapolis AAUW is a member, and by Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky.

The Indianapolis Branch welcomed Dr. Nikki Woodson, Superintendent, Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, at the Feb. 4th meeting at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, where Dr. Woodson described pioneering programs such as the International Baccalaureate for all students.

The Indianapolis Council of Women met Tues., Mar. 4, 2014, at the Highland Golf and Country

Club. First there was general business and two club reports. Joan Katz spoke about Hadassah, and Judith La Fourrest gave information on the National League of American Pen Women. The morning program was a talk presented by Dr. Paul Evans, D.O., Dean of the Marian University School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dean Evans discussed the new medical school, differences between the medical (M.D.) and osteopathic (D.O.) degrees, and future plans for the new School of Medicine.

After lunch a second speaker was introduced, Brigadier General J. Stewart Goodwin, Executive Director of the Indiana War Memorial. He informed us about the history of the war memorials in Indianapolis, recent changes made to the memorials, and the bicentennial to honor Hoosier veterans to be held on the 200th anniversary in 2016.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. Reported by Michele Chosney, Indy Branch Rep.

The Indianapolis Branch extends condolences to Pat Ladd and her family.
Her husband, Gerald T. Ladd, passed away on Feb. 16, 2014. (See Indianapolis Star, February 20, 2014.)

The Indianapolis Branch has a new AAUW web page, and a Tech Savvy page

Branch site at <http://indianapolis-in.aauw.net/>

Tech Savvy page at <http://indianapolis-in.aauw.net/tech-savvy/>

Plans are under way to add the program calendar, board news and monthly program information.

INTEREST GROUPS – NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Evening Book Group

Monday, March 10 – note change of date due to weather, 6:30 p.m., Panera Bread, W. 86th St. at Colby Rd., near Trader Joe's. The book is “The Paris Wife,” by Paula McLain. Contact **Michele Chosney**, Chair, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net to let her know you are coming, and with any questions. New members welcome.

Monday, April 7, 6:00 p.m., Panera Bread, W. 86th St., at Colby Rd., near Trader Joe's.
The book is “The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb” by Melanie Benjamin. Contact **Michele Chosney**, Chair, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net to let her know you are coming, and with any questions. New members are always welcome.

Creative Writing

Monday, March 10. The group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at a member's home.
Contact **Pat Wood, 283-2904**, for time and location and further information. New members are welcome.

Ethnic Dining Group

Friday, March 21, 11:30 a.m., The Bosphorus Cafe, 935 S. East St., Indianapolis, 317-94-1770. New members are always welcome. Contact **Jan Swartz, Chair, 291-8122**, to let her know you are coming.

Friday, April 11, 11:30 a.m., note, date changed to the second Thursday to avoid conflict with Good Friday.
St. Yared Ethiopian Cuisine & Coffee House, 11210 Fall Creek Road, Indianapolis, 317-363-4435.
New members are always welcome. Contact **Jan Swartz, Chair, 291-8122**, to let her know you are coming.

Daytime Book Discussion

Monday, March 17, noon, at American Village, 2026 East 54th Street, Indianapolis.
The book is “Death Comes to Pemberly,” by PD James. Raiford Scott is hostess. Lunch is \$7, including tax and tip, paid at the main desk. New members are always welcome. Please make your lunch reservation one week in advance by contacting Jean Petranoff, 334-2861 or mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net. For more information or help in finding copies of the book, contact **Jan Doyle**, Chair, 431-3500 or jan@mw.net.

Monday, April 21, noon, at American Village, 2026 East 54th Street, Indianapolis.
The book is “Notes from a Small Island,” by Bill Bryson, discussion lead by Jan Doyle. Raiford Scott is hostess. Lunch is \$7, including tax and tip, paid at the main desk. New members are always welcome. Please make your lunch reservation one week in advance by contacting Jean Petranoff, mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net or 334-2861. For help in finding copies of the book, contact **Jan Doyle**, Chair, 431-3500 or jan@mw.net.

Bookmamas Community Programs, 9 S. Johnson Ave, Indianapolis. www.bookmamas.com
Thurs., Mar 13, 6:30 p.m., five female authors will discuss “Bad Girls Found Out: Historical Fiction Authors Celebrate Women's History Month.”

Sat., Mar. 22, 2 p.m., seven horror authors, “The Horror,” readings from the horror genre.
Contact Barb Wellnitz for more information, barb@bwellnitz.com.

See Women's History Month Events at IUPUI, [http:// events.iupui.edu/calendar/?cal_id=258](http://events.iupui.edu/calendar/?cal_id=258)

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STEM Update -

- 1. This Saturday, March 8, at Sycamore School, Indianapolis, 2014 Girls' Conference, "Curiosity, Confidence, Challenge!"** Thank you to AAUW volunteers who will be helping! Lois Gumpper, Indianapolis Branch/Sycamore School Liaison.
- 2. Saturday, June 14, IUPUC, on the University campus in Columbus.** Contact Cindy Felsten, Chair, to volunteer to be a part of this exciting venture, cfelsten@iupuc.edu, 812-375-7531. This program is one of 10 AAUW/university awardees nationwide to receive an \$8,000 STEM grant from Praxair.
- 3. AAUW announces the Alcoa Foundation has awarded a \$250,000, two-year grant for AAUW's STEM programs.** This will fund a first-time STEM project in the Székesfehérvár region of Hungary, and also fund a STEM program for middle school girls in Barberton, OH. See aauw.org.
- 4. Wed., Mar. 19, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, STEM-ulating Collaboration: Sustaining Equity and Resources for Indiana Girls.** Indiana Girls Collaborative Project Collaboration Conference.
Register at <http://www.ngcproject.org>. Registration of \$40 includes light breakfast and lunch.
Indiana Government Center South (IGCS), 402 W. Washington St.
Great opportunity to meet and network with others who are interested and influential in promoting STEM.
Keynote speakers include Glenda Ritz, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Susan Brooks, Indiana Legislature, 5th District.